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# Comments Sought on Changes to Cleanup Plan

## Johns Manville Waukegan Disposal Area

Waukegan, Illinois

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The U.S. Department of Justice is holding a comment period for the amended consent decree for the Johns Manville Waukegan Disposal Area. EPA issued the initial cleanup decision for the site in June 1987. During the cleanup, EPA made changes to planned cleanup strategy. The amended decree would formally implement these changes. The changes include:

- closing of the wastewater treatment system, ponds and non-asbestos disposal pit;
- dredging or encapsulating asbestos-containing material in the on-site industrial canal;
- restricting land use to prevent any future interference with the cleanup;
- requiring Manville to conduct ongoing operation and maintenance of completed work; and
- payment to EPA for costs that will be incurred overseeing these additional activities.

The Department of Justice is accepting comments on the changes until March 22, 2004. Comments should reference United States v. Manville Sales Corporation, D.J. Ref. 90-11-1-7B and should be addressed to:

**Assistant Attorney General  
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## Cleanup at the site has been ongoing

In 1988, EPA, Illinois EPA, and Manville Corp. entered into an agreement called a Consent Decree to conduct the cleanup at the site. The cleanup activities that were implemented included placement of a 24-inch soil cover with vegetation over all dry waste areas, paving of two parking lot areas contaminated with asbestos, resurfacing site roadways with a 24-inch cover, and providing rip rap along all operating waste water treatment ponds. Construction activities began in November 1988 and after two enforcement actions, the cleanup proceeded smoothly until its completion in August of 1991. Additional contamination was discovered during site clearing, and was addressed as part of the cleanup. Ultimately, almost 3 million cubic yards of waste containing asbestos was discovered. The waste, spread across 150 acres, was covered so the asbestos would

not be released into the air. The total cost of the cleanup was approximately \$20 million, including the additional work.

Currently, activities such as soil cover maintenance and ground-water monitoring continue at the site. Contingency plans are in place in case the soil cover fails or the ground water or surface water become contaminated with levels that exceed health standards.

Since 1998, six additional areas, all of which included asbestos-containing material were discovered outside of the Johns-Manville fence line. In 2002, the largest of the six sites was cleaned up under an EPA-funded removal action. EPA issued an explanation of significant differences in September 2000 that requires the closure of the former waste water treatment ponds.

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